



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Serial No. 09/924,132

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Title: Container and Method for Conditioning Articles of Hunting Clothing and Related Gear

Examiner: Sean E. Conley

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL **UNDER 37 C.F.R. Sect. 1.116**

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated January 2, 2004. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's clear and thorough action, and the allowance and/or indicated allowability of most of Applicant's claims. This communication is Applicant's response to the Final Office Action, and is believed to be in full compliance with 37 CFR 1.116.

In his Final Office Action, withdrew the Ellis reference in light of Applicant's affidavit, and withdrew claim rejections based on applicant's argument relative to the established meaning of the word "wire-like." Discovering and applying additional prior art, the Examiner again subject the claims to examination with the following results.

The Examiner allowed the following claims:

Claims 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

The Examiner indicates the following claims will be allowed if rewritten appropriately in a form independent of the rejected claims from which they depend:

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.

The Examiner rejected the following claims:

Claims 1, 9, 12, and 20.

It is believed that the following amendments, presented in strict compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121, as presently required, will serve to place the above identified patent application in condition for favorable consideration and immediate allowance.